Allotment of foodgrains to Andhra Pradesh

†2666. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have provided the allotted foodgrains in one lot inspite of better crop in Andhra Pradesh and inspite of sufficient foodgrain stock available with the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) its likely effect on the farmers in the State;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the local farmers would be exploited and have to suffer heavy losses as a result of arrival of large quantity of foodgrains on fair price shops; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No. Sir. During 2001-2002, all the States including Andhra Pradesh have been allotted foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution Systcm(TPDS) on bimonthly basis. Andhra Pradesh has been allotted a quantity of 31.53 lakh tonnes rice and 0.96 lakh tonnes wheat under TDPS during 2001-2002.

Foodgrains (rice) have also been allotted to Andhra Pradesh under Food For Work Programme in drought affected areas on the request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh and on the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Rural Development in instalments as under:

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Date of Allotment	Quantity of rice allotted (in tonnes)
9.08.2001	300000
5.10.2001	300000
3.12.2001	25000
22.12.2001	400000
08.02.2002	400000
TOTAL:	1650000

A quantity of 2,32,436 tonnes of rice has also been allotted to Andhra Pradesh under Sampoorn Gramin Rojgar Yojana in instilments. Therefore, foodgrains are not allotted to Andhra Pradesh in one lot.

(c) to (e) Do not arise, in view of the above.

Procurement of foodgrains by States

2667. DR. (MS.) P. SELVIE DAS: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains procured and to be procured under Minimum Support Price Policy (MSP) in various States during Kharif marketing seasons 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has asked respective State Governments to procure and distribute foodgrains under its public distribution system; and

(c) if so, the amount allocated to various States for the losses incured by them in procurement and distribution handling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) A Statement showing the state-wise procurement of foodgrains during Kharif Marketing Season 2001-2002 is given *(See* below).

As the Kharif Marketing 2002-03 is scheduled to commence